

REMARKS

The above amendment with the following remarks is submitted to be fully responsive to the non-final Office Action of April 26, 2006. Claims 1-17 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. In the present amendment, claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 and 17 have been amended, claim 11 has been cancelled, and claims 18-27 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-10 and 12-27 are pending in the present application and are believed to be in proper condition for allowance. No new matter is introduced (see, e.g., FIGs. 5, and 9-18 and discussion thereof, and ¶¶ [0009] and [0039] of Applicant's published Specification). Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

First, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 8 and 17, and based thereon, new independent claims 18 and 19 have been added. Accordingly, formal allowance of new independent claims 18 and 19 and claims 22-23 and 26-27 dependent therefrom is respectfully requested. In addition, independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to patentably distinguish over the applied reference, *Eha* (US Patent No. 1,701,149), as set forth in detail below.

Specifically, independent claim 1, as amended (emphasis added), recites:

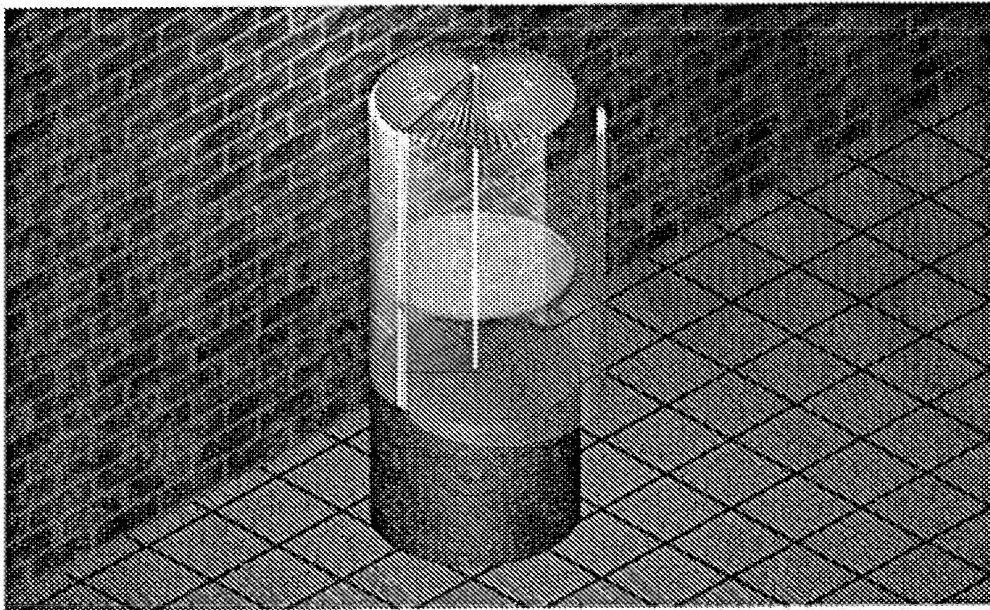
A lighting system comprising:
an articulating lamp frame means including:
an open central area,
support means to support a lamp adjacent said central area,
a pair of substantially planar v-shaped components attachable together at an open end thereof to form said open central area by a pair of spaced apart hinge means for relative rotation about a main axis extending between said hinge means and across said central area, and
said hinge means including fixation means adapted to releasably fix the relative position of said planar components; and
an extensible shade means attached between said planar components.

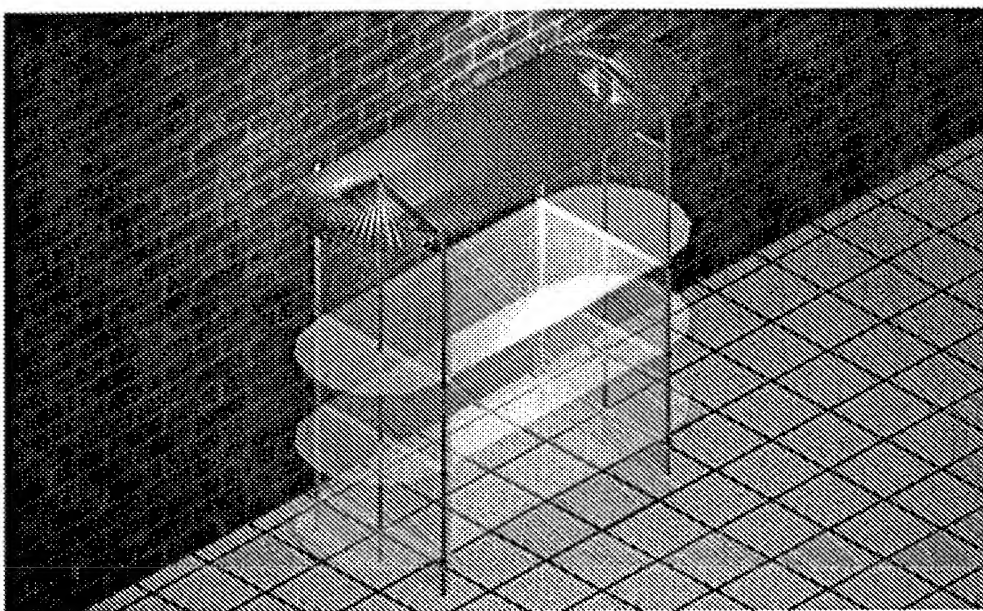
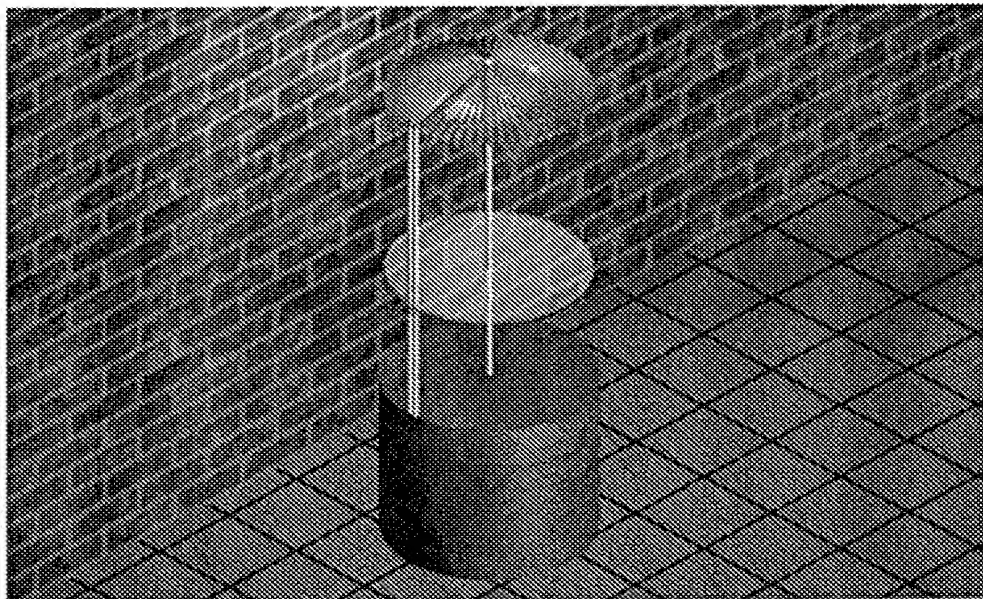
Independent claim 10, as amended (emphasis added), recites:

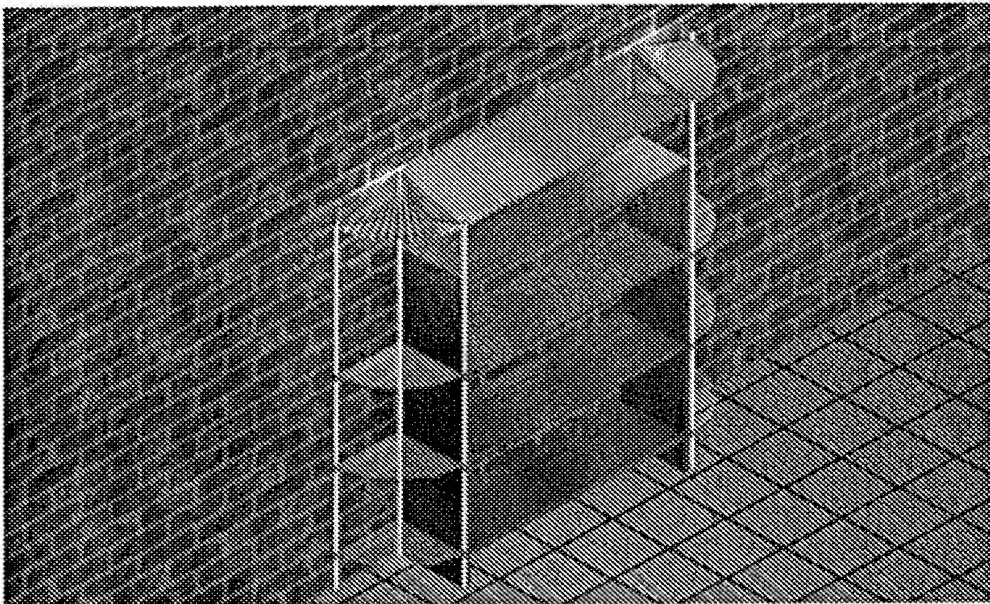
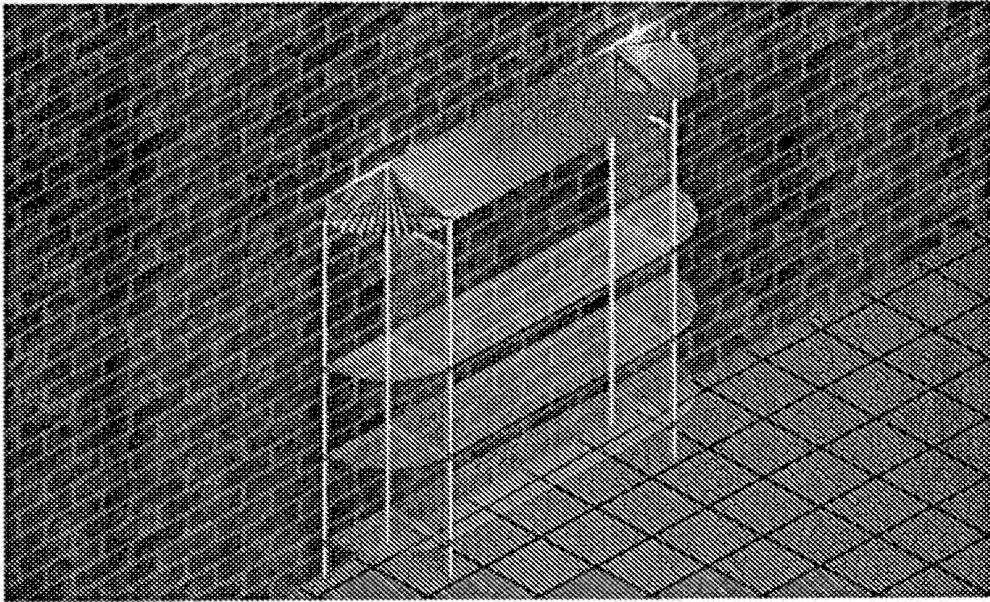
A lighting system comprising:
an articulating lamp frame means including:
support means to support a lamp,
a pair of substantially planar v-shaped components attachable together at an open end thereof by a pair of spaced apart hinge means for relative rotation about a main axis extending between said hinge means, and

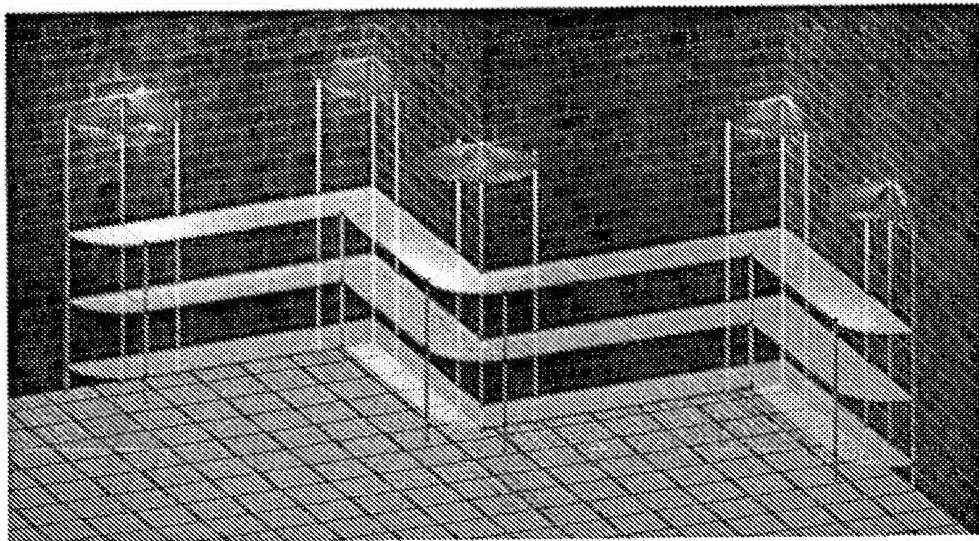
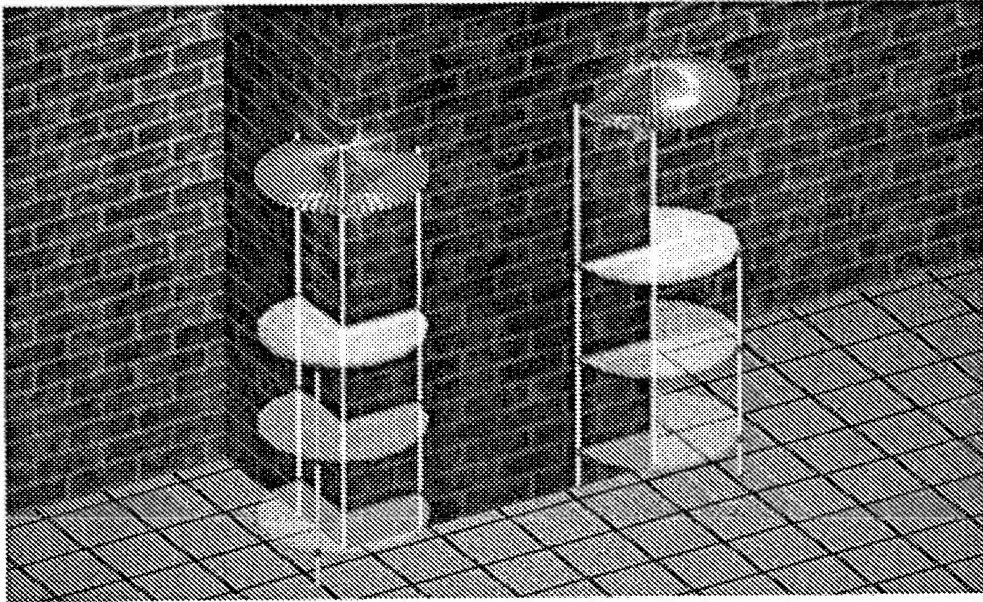
each of said hinge means comprises:
a pair of hinge elements aligned along said main axis attached
to a respective one of said components,
fixation means adapted to releasably fix the relative position of said
planar components, and
means adapted to guide said planar components together along the
said main axis upon attachment; and
an extensible shade means attached between said planar
components.

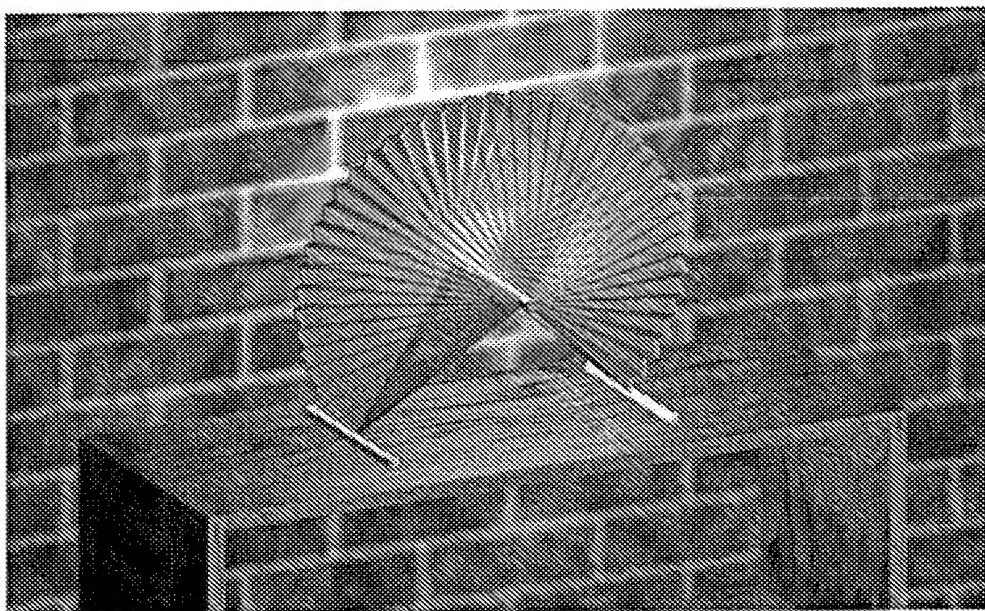
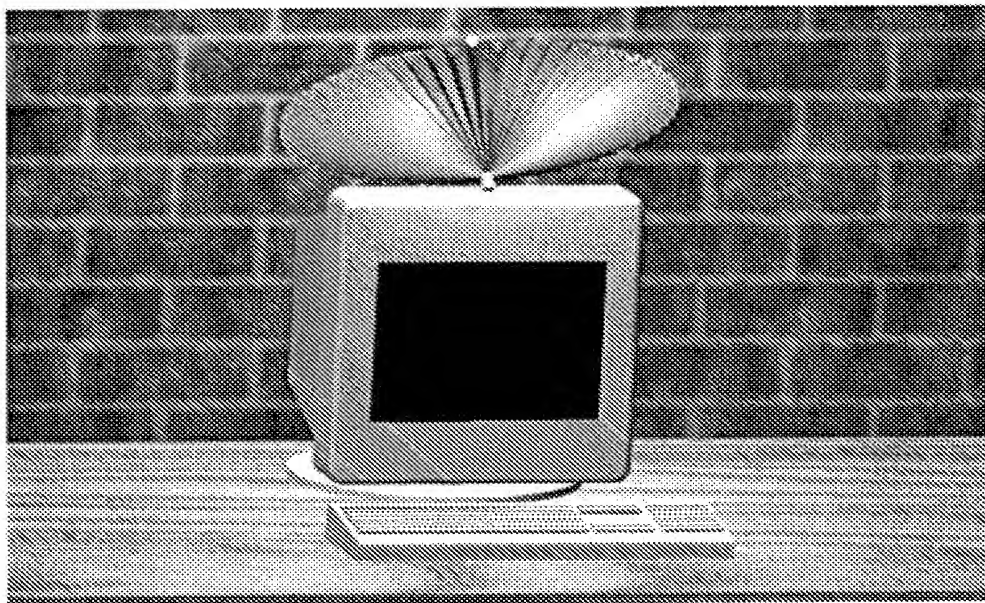
Thus, the pending independent claims 1 and 10 are directed to a novel lighting system, having the noted features and including a pair of substantially planar v-shaped components attachable together at an open end thereof by a pair of spaced apart hinge means for relative rotation about a main axis extending between the hinge means. Advantageously, the Applicant's invention allows for versatile configurations and attachments of the lighting system (see, e.g., FIG.s 9-18 and discussion thereof and ¶¶ [0009] and [0039] of Applicant's published Specification). The below figures show further possible exemplary configurations and attachments of the lighting system recited in independent claims 1 and 10:

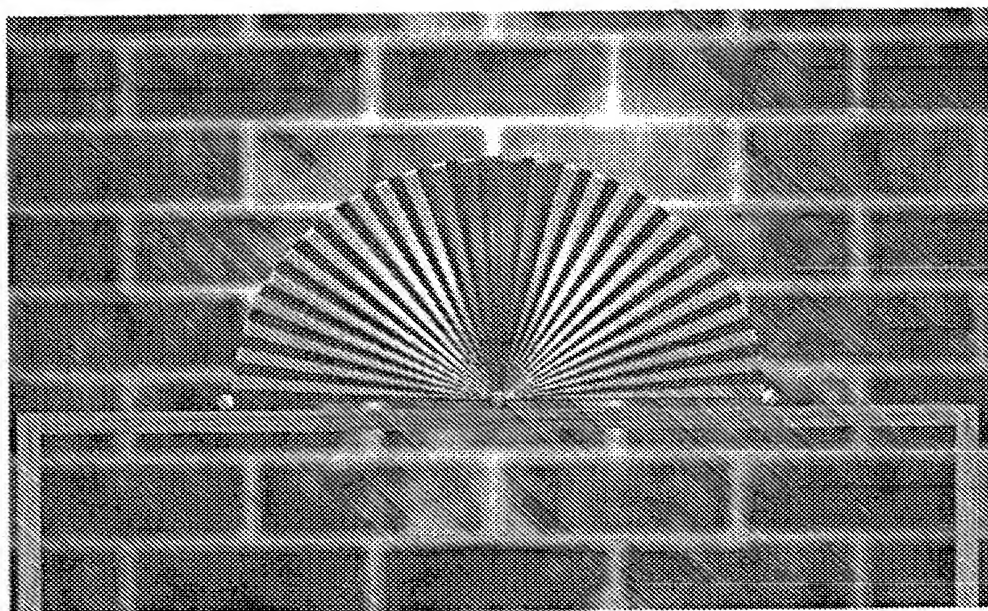
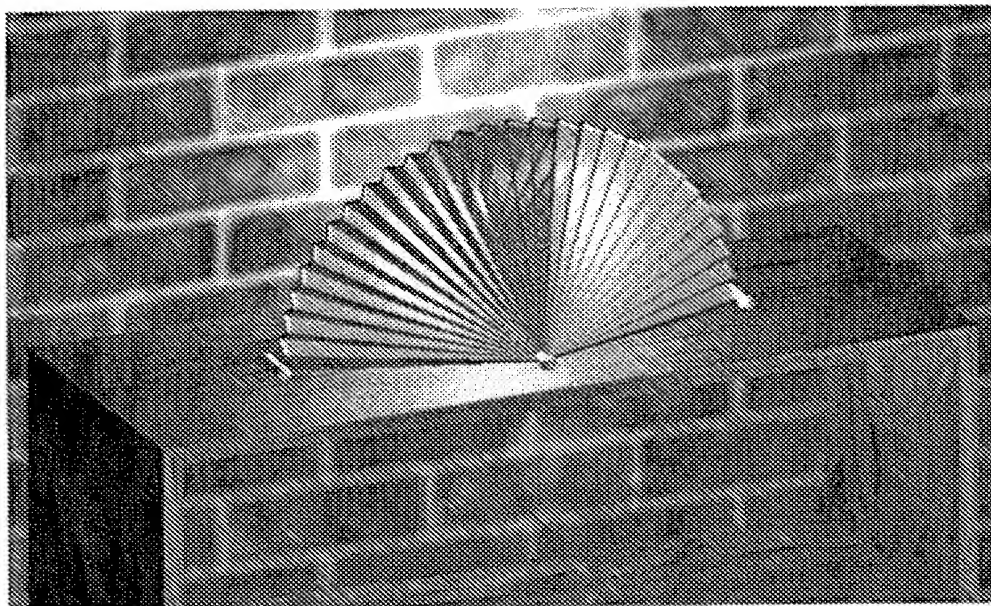


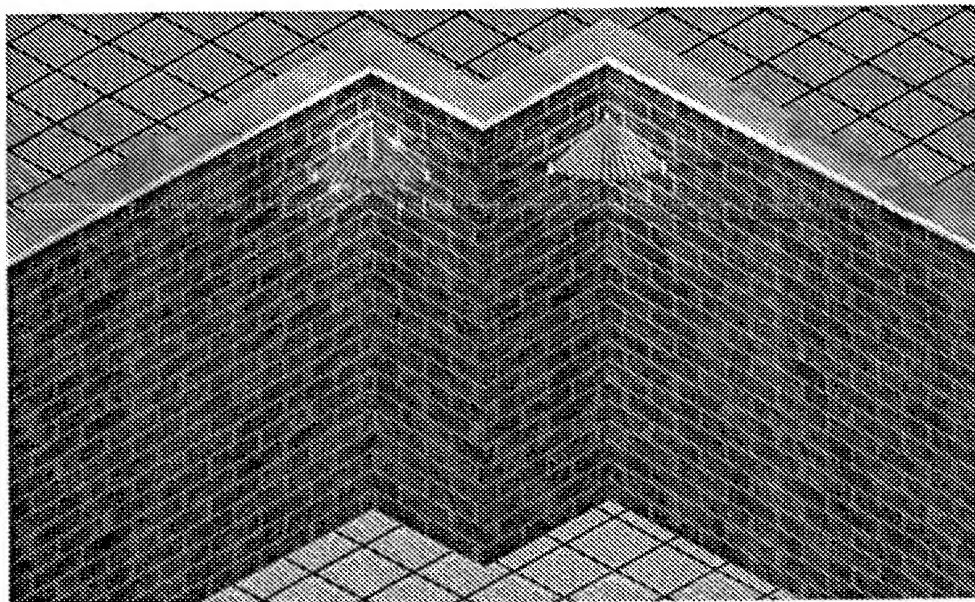
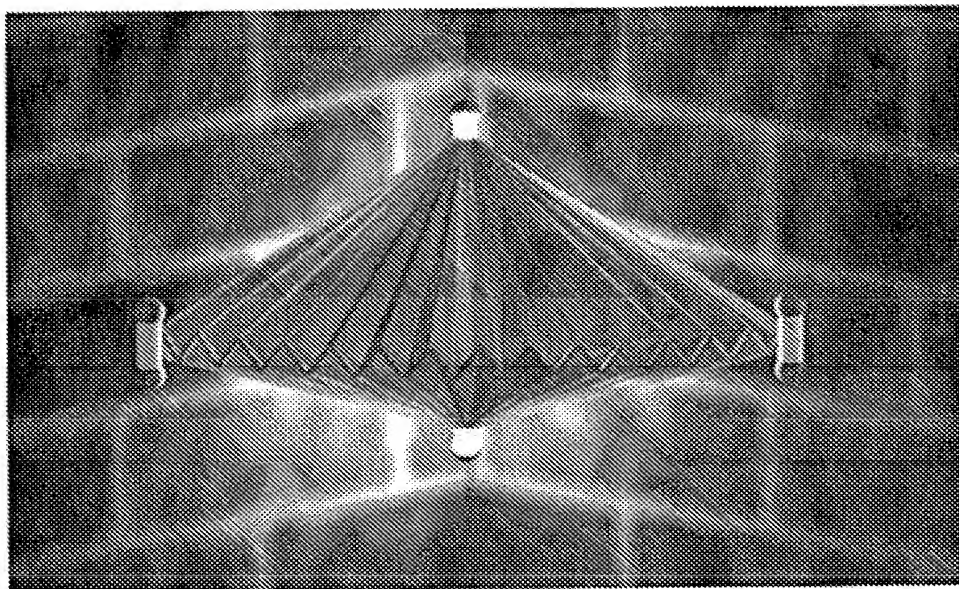


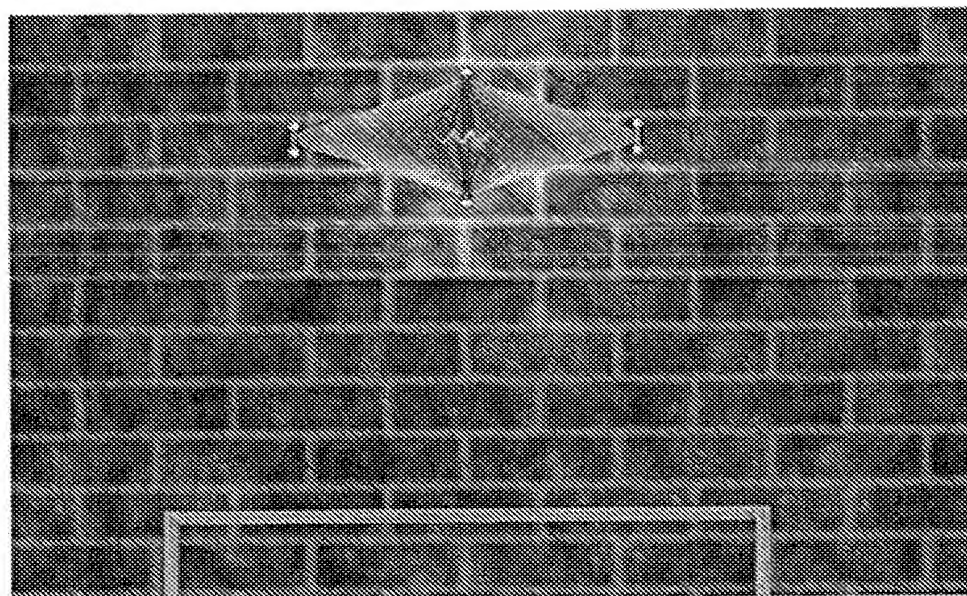
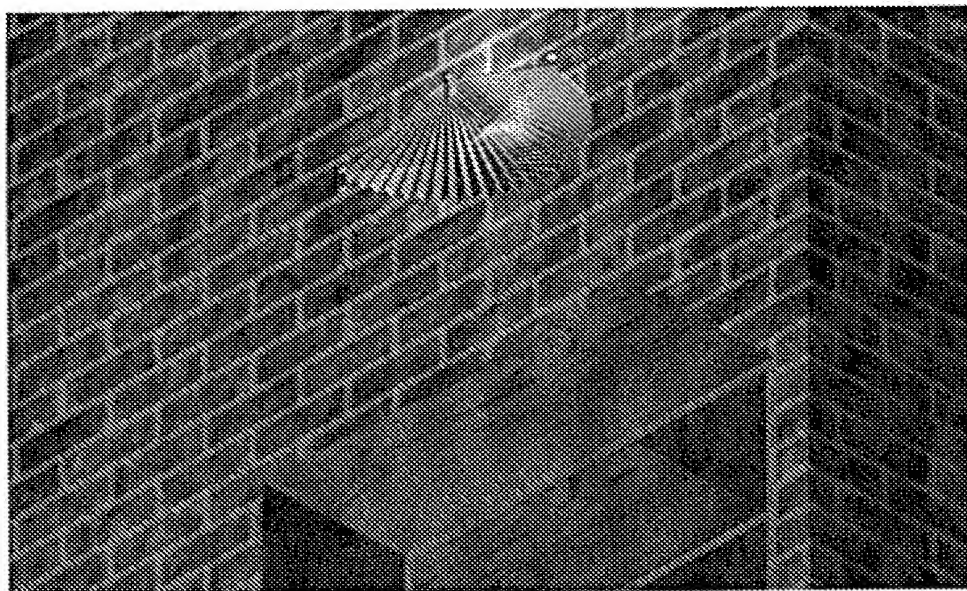


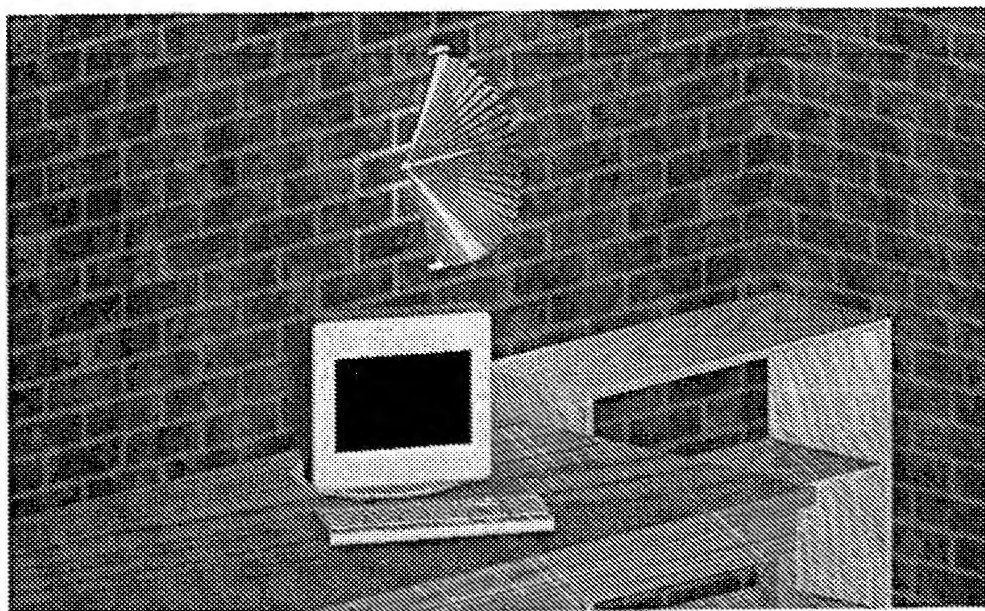


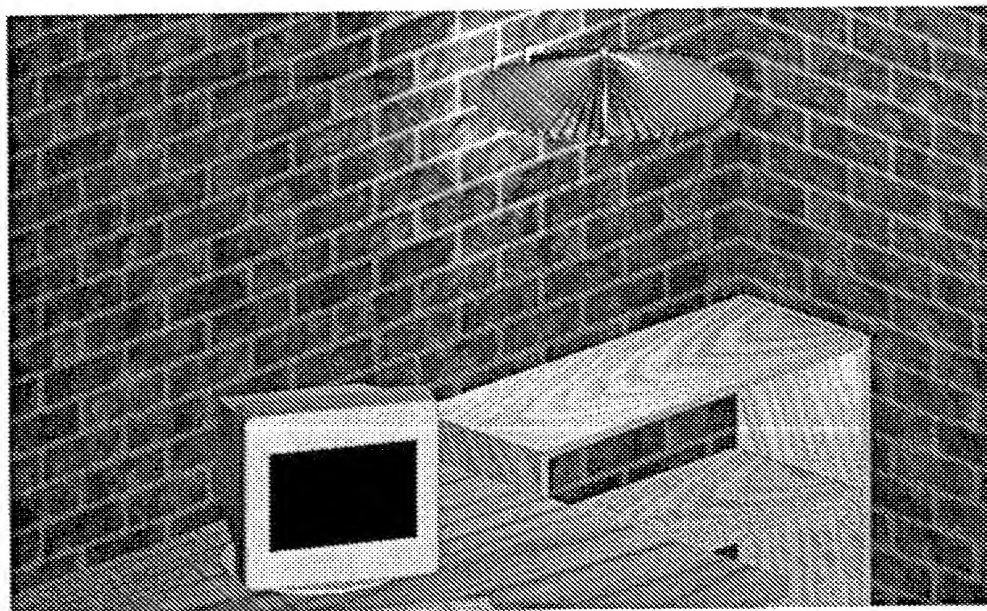
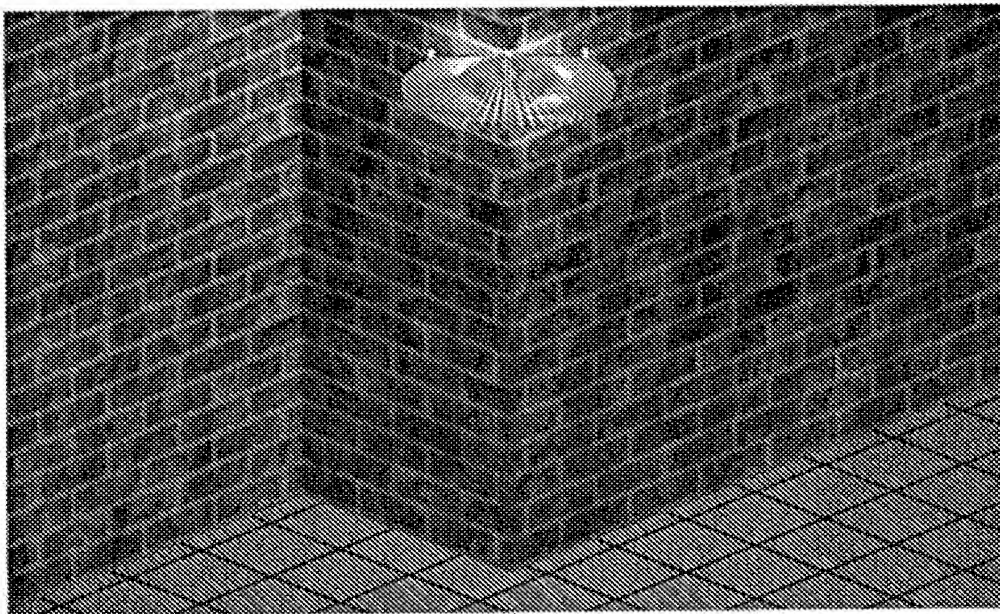


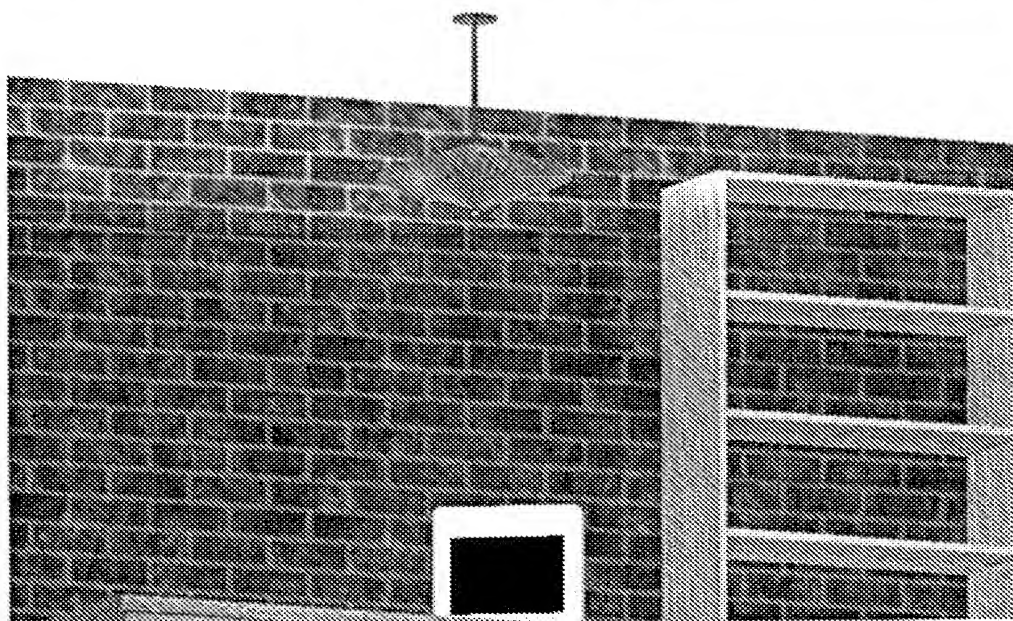
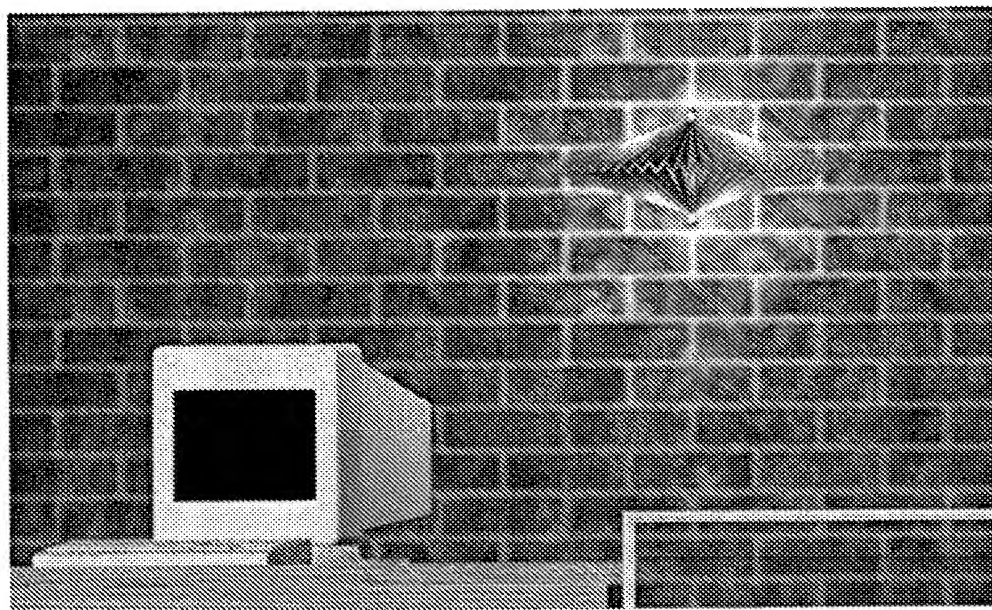


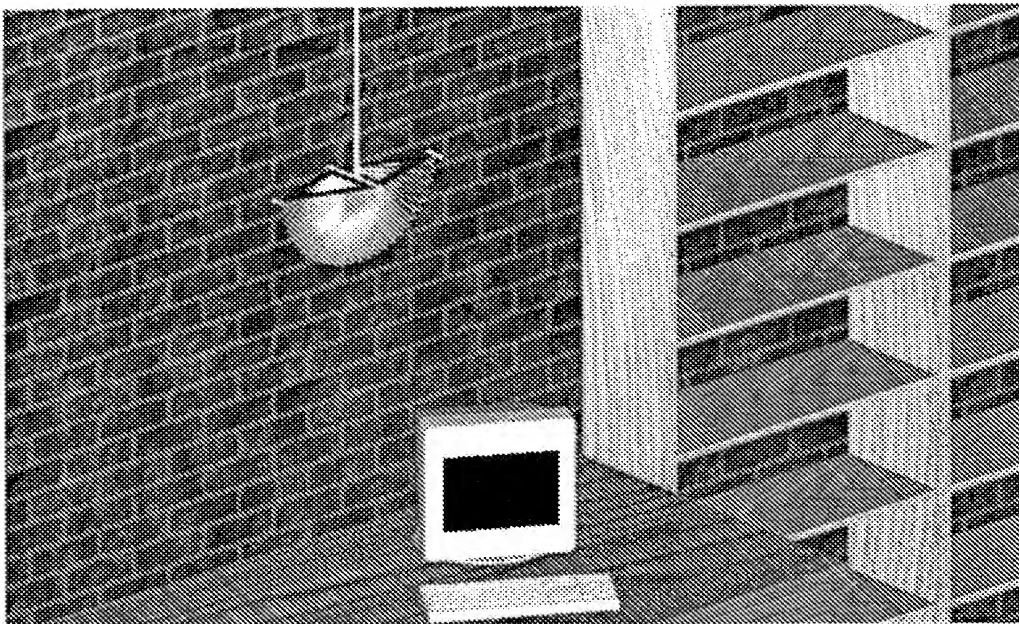


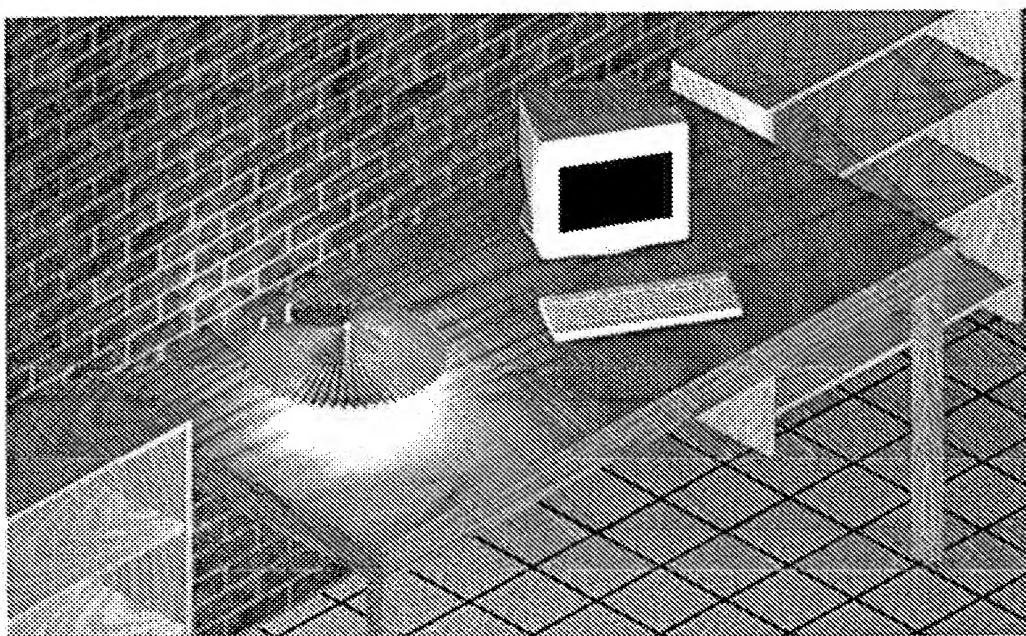
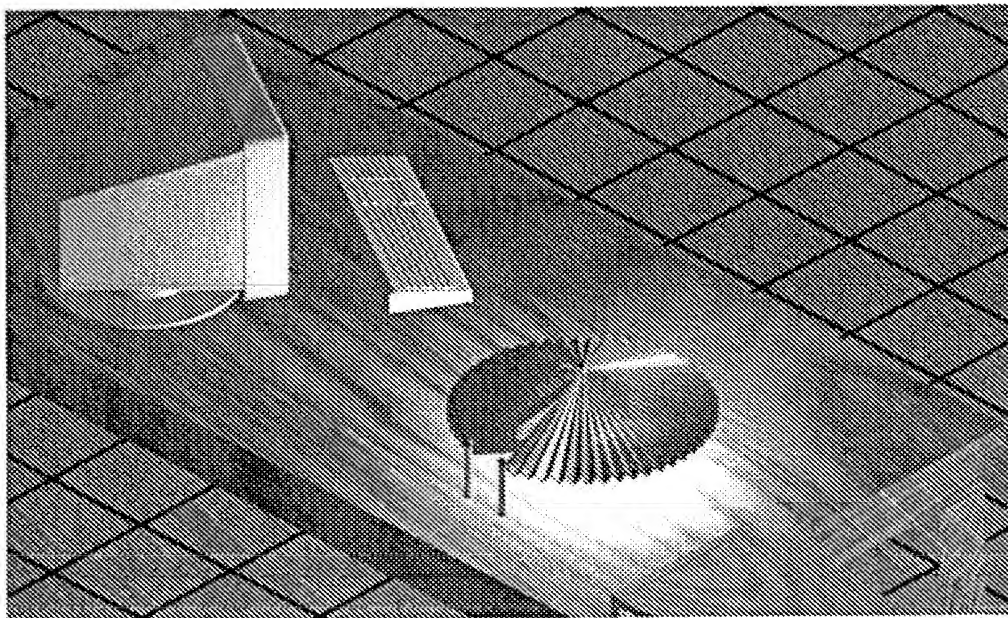


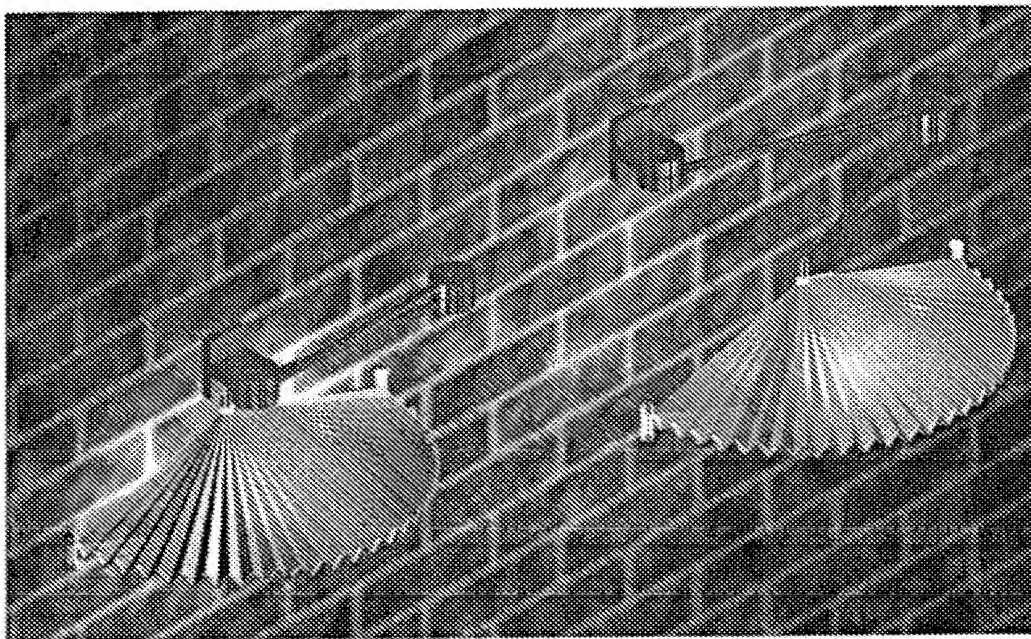
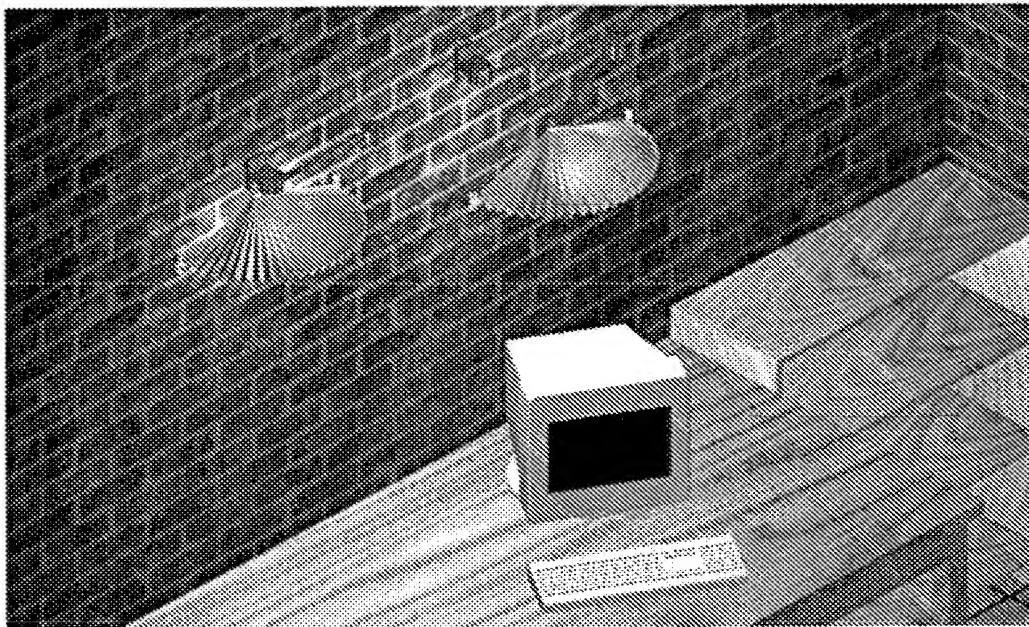


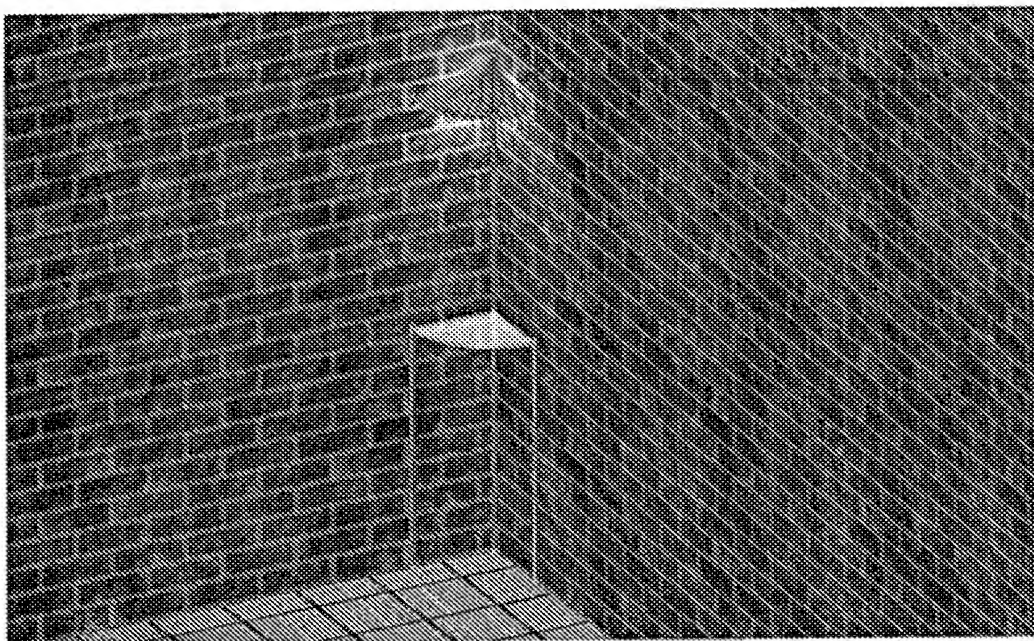
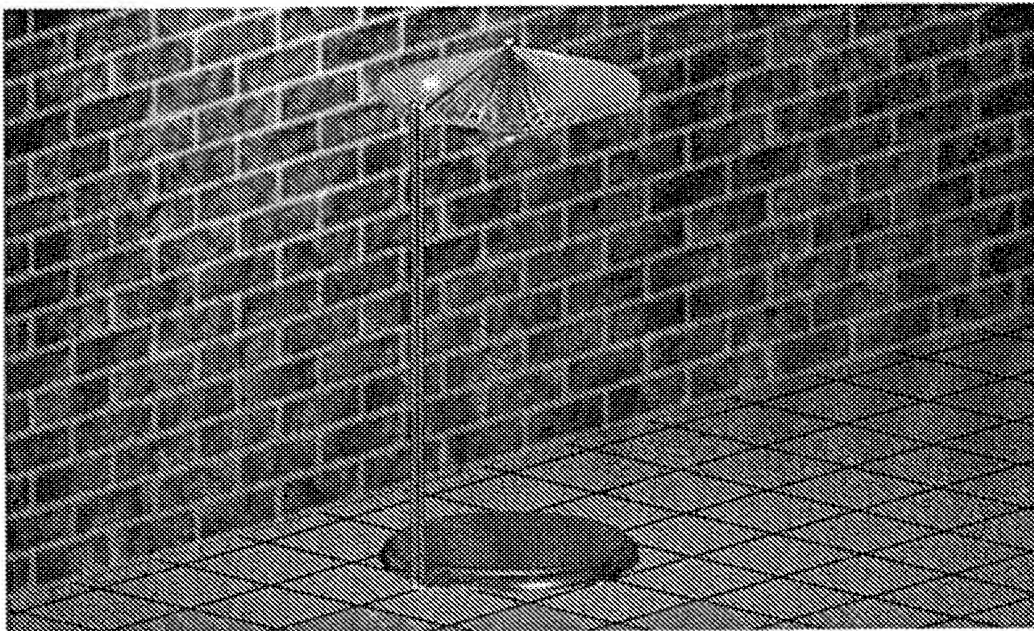


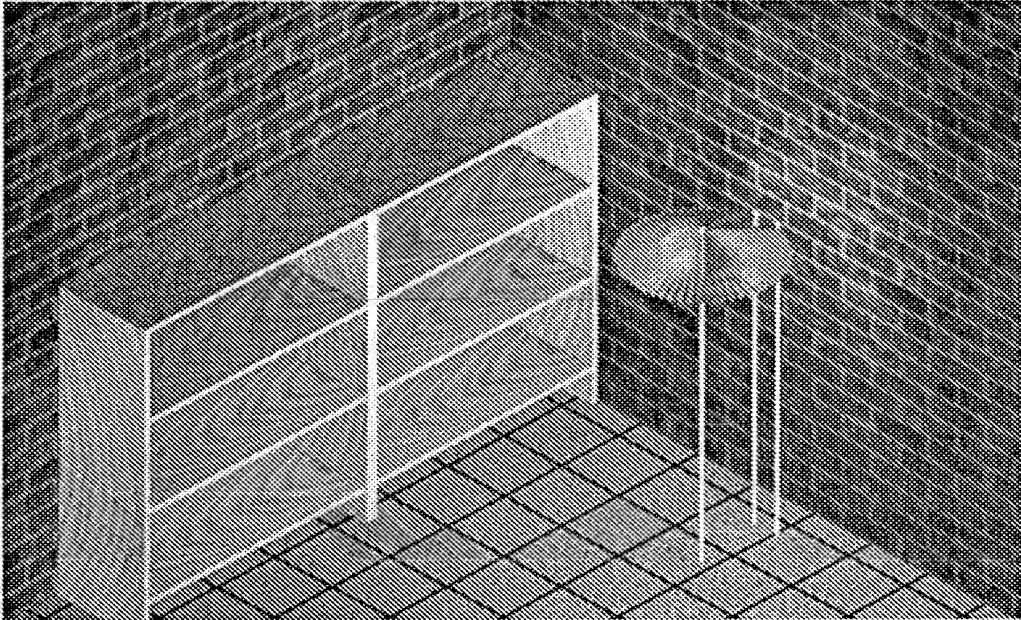












By contrast, *Eha* does not disclose, teach or suggest the noted features and including a pair of substantially planar v-shaped components attachable together at an open end thereof by a pair of spaced apart hinge means for relative rotation about a main axis extending between the hinge means, as recited in independent claims 1 and 10 and claims dependent therefrom, nor the advantages thereof.

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 10 and claims dependent therefrom are allowable over *Eha*. The dependent claims are allowable over *Eha* on their own merits and for at least the reasons advanced above with respect to independent claims 1 and 10.

The references that have been cited but not applied by the Examiner have been taken into consideration in the formulation of this response. However, since these references were not found to be of sufficient relevance by the Examiner to apply against any of the original claims, no detailed comments thereon are believed to be warranted at this time.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution and engage in a joint effort to work out a mutually satisfactory solution.

Respectfully submitted,

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